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SUBJECT: VISIT OF JUAN CARLOS TO EGYPT, JORDAN: SPANISH-ARAB
COOPERATION REPORTED ON VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL ISSUES

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1. THE MADRID PRESS HAS CARRIED A SERIES OF INTERESTING
ASSERTIONS, MOST OF THEM APPARENTLY OBTAINED FROM SPANISH
DIPLOMATS, INCLUDING AN UNNAMED "HIGH FOREIGN MINISTRY
OFFICIAL," GATHERED IN AMMAN FOR A MIDDLE EAST CHIEFS OF MISSIONS
CONFERENCE, ACCORDING TO THE MOST COMPLETE ACCOUNT:

-- SPAIN HOPES TO DEAL WITH THE ARABS ON A COLLECTIVE
BASIS IN ORDER BETTER TO CAPITALIZE ON ITS TRADITIONAL
FRIENDSHIP WITH THEM;
-- ONE SPECIFIC GOAL WOULD BE TO OBTAIN PETRO-DOLLAR
FINANCING FOR SPANISH UNDERTAKINGS IN EGYPT AND JORDAN;
-- SPAIN HOPES FOR ARAB (AND LATIN AMERICAN) BACKING FOR
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A SECURITY COUNCIL SEAT NEXT YEAR;

-- SPAIN WILL BACK A RE-WORDED RESOLUTION 242 THAT WOULD
SPECIFICALLY MENTION PALESTINIAN RIGHTS TO A STATE, AND
THE GOS WILL USE ITS GOOD OFFICES WITH ITS MOST POWERFUL
ALLY, THE UNITED STATES, TO THIS END;

-- WHILE THE QUESTION OF RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL WILL BE
CONSIDERED, THERE WILL NOT BE THE SLIGHTEST MODIFICATION

OF THE GOS' PRO-ARAB POLICY.

2. TWO THEMES HEARD IN CAIRO HAVE ALSO BEEN REPORTED FROM AMMAN, WITH JORDAN'S INFORMATION MINISTER CITED AS THE SOURCE FOR THE DECLARATIONS: ARABS WOULD REACT UNFAVORABLY IF SPAIN RECOGNIZED ISRAEL, AND SPAIN CAN SERVE AS A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ARABS IN EUROPE.

3. OTHER POINTS MADE IN THE COVERAGE HERE HAVE INCLUDED THE WARM PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP ALREADY EXISTING BETWEEN JUAN CARLOS AND HUSSEIN, AND THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE ARAB LEAGUE AND/OR THE PLO OFFICES IN MADRID COULD BE RAISED TO A HIGHER LEVEL, APPROACHING DIPLOMATIC STATUS (THE PLO OFFICE IN PARIS WAS MENTIONED AS AN EXAMPLE). THERE HAVE ALSO BEEN REPORTS (ONE ACCOUNT QUOTED A PALESTINIAN NATIONAL COUNCIL SPOKESMAN) TO THE EFFECT THAT YASSER ARAFIT WILL VISIT MADRID.

4. WHAT HAD BEEN PERSISTENT REPORTS OF THE UNHAPPINESS OF SPANISH JOURNALISTS WITH ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR THEM (AND BY IMPLICATION WITH SPANISH FONMIN OREJA HIMSELF) HAVE NOW DISAPPEARED. EATON

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